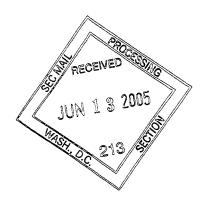




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## **Bionomics Limited**



- Exploiting proprietary genomicsdriven discovery platforms, ionX® and Angene™, to discover and develop innovative medical products.
- Focus on diseases in need of new medical treatments with large commercial markets:
  - CNS disorders
  - Cancer
- Strategy to out-license diagnostics to generate near term revenues to fund drug discovery and development.



## Overview

- Childhood epilepsy diagnostic released to US market
- Cancer and CNS programs advanced
- Acquisition strategy led by purchase of profitable contract researcher, Neurofit
- Major acquisition of Iliad Chemicals P/L
- Transformation to fully integrated drug discovery and development company



## Revenue generation from diagnostics

Precise Diagnosis ...

#### Personalised Treatment

improved Prognosis

- US market estimated US\$44 million pa
  - Assumes 220,000 children candidates for test pa 10% of whom are tested at a test cost of US\$2,000
- SMEI is a severe form of childhood epilepsy
  - $^{\circ}$  Up to 18% mortality and up to 50% show developmental delay and brain damage
- Early diagnosis difficult and treatment is disappointing
  - · Certain drugs can make seizures worse
- Bionomics' SMEI Diagnostic Test meets clinical needs
  - Leads to early and precise diagnosis
  - Enables choice of appropriate treatment strategies



# Benign Familial Seizures Panel: a new diagnostic test for epilepsy

- Estimated US market US\$78 million pa
  - Assumes 390,000 children candidates for test pa 10% tested at a test price of US\$2,000
- Test for children less than 1 year, with seizures
- Distinguishes several early childhood epilepsy syndromes from others with more unfavourable prognoses
- Positive diagnoses of these benign conditions is likely to be reassuring to parents



## CNS Drug Discovery and Development

## Bionomics' drug discovery programs targeting large markets with unmet needs

#### **Epilepsy**

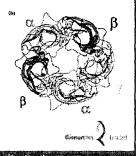
- US\$6 billion and growing at 17% pa
- Up to 3% of the population have epilepsy
- Many drugs are poorly tolerated and have many side-
- 30% of patients don't gain control of seizures with current drugs

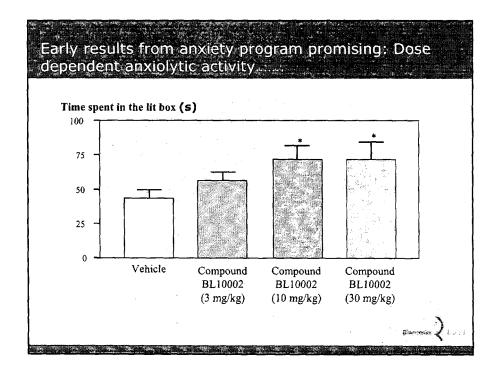
#### Anxiety

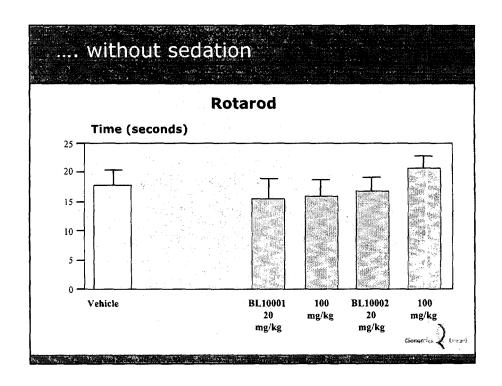
- US\$14.5 billion in 2003
- Approximately 2 million Australians suffer from an anxiety disorder
- Patients need medications which are non-sedating, non-addictive and don't affect memory

# Bionomics' drug discovery targets specific subunits of the GABA-A receptor

- GABA-A α1 subtypes mediate sedation
- $\circ$  GABA-A  $\alpha 2$  ,  $\alpha 3$   $\alpha 5$  subtypes mediate anticonvulsant effects
- GABA-A  $\alpha$ 2 and  $\alpha$ 3 subtypes mediate anxiety
- GABA-A β-subunits mediate anesthesia

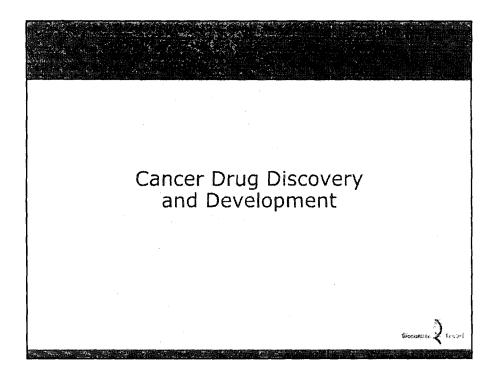


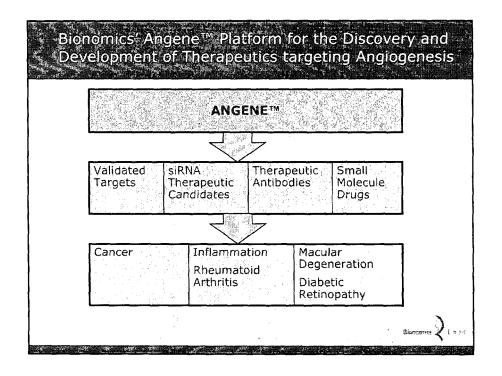


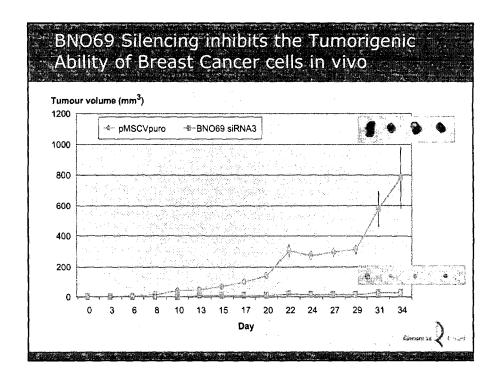


### Our first acquisition - Neurofit

- Preclinical CNS business with industry leading client base
  - 8 employees, Strasbourg
- Capabilities include Multiple Sclerosis in addition to anxiety and other CNS indications
- Customers include Novartis, Serono, Biogen







## Bionomics Accelerated Development Strategy

#### KEY ELEMENTS "4 PILLARS" TO GENERATE VALUE

- internal development
- partnering
- in-licensing in our core areas of expertise
- M&A building on our existing core skills



## Characteristics of our next acquisition

- Rapid acceleration of value driving Bionomics into the top tier of Australian biotech companies.
- Rapid development of Bionomics' pipeline focused on existing core areas.
  - Cancer vascular targeting
  - « CNS ion channels
- Operational and capital markets synergies with all of the advantages of critical mass.



## Bionomics' Acquisition of Iliad

- Iliad Chemicals P/L is a private, Australian venture backed company
- Valuable therapeutic programs in BNO's core areas:
  - Cancer (vascular targeting); and
  - CNS (multiple sclerosis ion channel target)
- Proprietary chemistry platform MultiCore® applicable to current BNO programs.
- Leverage ionX® and Angene™ platforms and Neurofit expertise.
- Key Iliad personnel to join BNO Board (Dr George Jessup) and Management (Dr Bernie Flynn).
- Promotion of BNO to circa\$30 million market cap.



## Deal Structure

- Bionomics will pay AU\$9 million for Iliad in Bionomics scrip priced at 22 cents per share
- A further AU\$3 million in Bionomics scrip (22 cents per share) payable to Iliad shareholders as performance bonus subject to development and commercial progress of current Iliad programs
- Iliad shareholders will be subject to restriction agreements in relation to sale of their Bionomics shares



### <u>Valuation</u> -

- Aoris Nova independently valued Iliad at AU\$12 million to AU\$18 million
- IM will be sent to shareholders which outlines the basis for this valuation
- EGM to gain BNO shareholder approval 27 June



## Merger Rationale

- Robust pipeline underpinned by integrated biology, chemistry and preclinical development
- A business model that capitalizes on the value of proprietary drug targets and proprietary chemistry for drug discovery and development
- Potential to create numerous revenue generating deals:
  - Access to chemistry
  - Access to discovery platforms
  - Drug discovery partnerships
  - Licensing of validated targets
  - Licensing of lead compounds



### Complementary Focus

- CNS Drug Discovery ion channels
  - Epilepsy and anxiety (Bionomics)
     GABA, ligand gated ion channel
  - Multiple sclerosis (Iliad)
  - Kv1.3, potassium ion channel
- Cancer Drug Discovery vascular targeting
  - Inhibition of new blood vessel growth inhibition of BNO69
  - Disruption of established tumor vasculature through inhibition of tubulin polymerisation
    - combretastatin A4 analogues developed by Iliad



## Multiple Sclerosis Market

- US\$2 billion pa in sales
- Affects approximately 350,000 people in the US
- Degenerative disease of the CNS characterised by loss of myelin sheath around nerves

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#### Multiple Sclerosis - Kv1.3 inhibitors

- Inhibiting Kv1.3 prevents T-Cell proliferation
  - Precise targeting with effective immunosuppression
  - Validated in animal models of MS
- Existing agents in development are either complex natural product structures, peptides or poorly active small-molecules
- Iliad compounds are potent and readily synthesized
  - $\,\,^{\circ}\,$  Most potent compound has an EC  $_{\!50}$  70 nM  $\,\,^{\circ}\,$
  - Lead optimisation in progress



# Cancer - Tubulin Polymerisation Inhibition (TPI) by Combretastatin A4 analogues

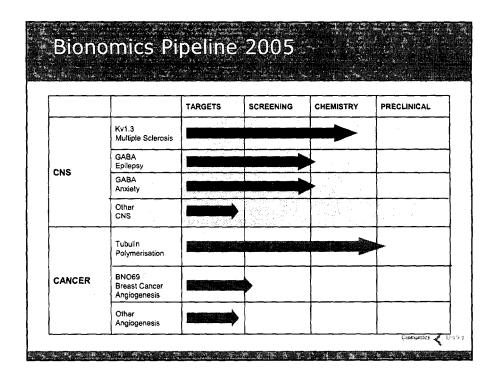
- Validated target with the advantages of vascular targeting for anti-cancer therapy
  - \* Colchicine binding region of tubulin
  - Possibly lower toxicity
  - Tumour resistance unlikely
  - Direct access to targeted tissue
- Combretastatin A-4
  - Demonstrated vascular targeting activity in cancer
  - Problems with combretastatin A-4

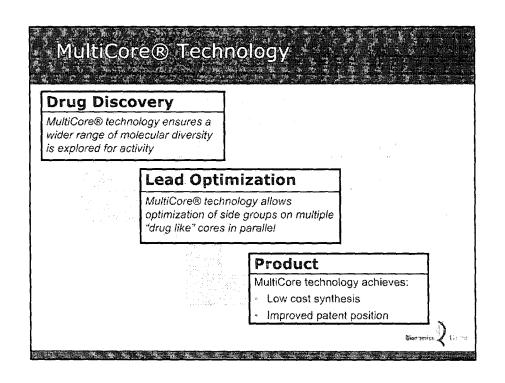
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## Cancer: TPI Program Status.

- Most potent inhibitors of tubulin polymerisation yet reported
- New analogues (> 25) with 3-40 times greater potency than Combretastatin A4
  - Superior stability
  - Superior physiochemical properties (likely to be orally bioavailable)
- Demonstrated activity in cancer model







## North American Comparisons with BNO

Alnylam (Nasdaq: ALNY)	RNAi development platform	2 preclinical programs: -AMD -Viral	USD 166m (market cap April 2005)
Amphora Discovery (Private)	Proprietary library and microfluidics HTS platform	2 preclinical programs: -Cancer -Inflammation	USD 68m (total venture funding)
Avalon Pharmaceuticals (Private)	Proprietary forward chemical genomics HTS platform	1 Phase I (inlicensed 2005) 1 preclinical program: - Cancer	USD 70m (Series B)
Ecopia (TSX: EIA.TO)	Natural compound discovery platform	1 preclinical program: - Cancer	CAD 57m (market cap April 2005)
Infinity Pharmaceuticals (Private)	Small molecule chemistry platform	1 Phase I (commenced 2005) 2 preclinical programs: - Cancer	USD 135m (total venture funding) Valued at USD 250m

2005 CNS Milestones

- Kv1.3: Optimized lead compounds for multiple sclerosis
- GABA-A: Identified lead series for epilepsy and anxiety
- Further licensing and revenues from epilepsy diagnostic tests



## 2005 Cancer Milestones

- TPI: Optimized lead compound identified for preclinical development with target to be in the clinic 2005
- Partnership deals:
  - BNO69: Validation of target and RNAi in additional clinical settings including other cancers and eye conditions as a prelude to licensing deal
  - 20 targets validated in Angene™ platform for deal making



## Investment Highlights 🤏

- Exceptionally strong board and management team to execute aggressive growth strategy
- A world leader in genomics, holding extensive patents and patent applications
- One of few fully integrated biotechnology companies
- Proprietary drug discovery platforms ionX® for CNS drug discovery and Angene™ for cancer drug discovery
- Highly promising animal results from breast cancer therapeutic program
- Two revenue generating licensing agreements for epilepsy diagnostics
- Neurofit acquisition builds CNS development capabilities and access to Pharma and major international biotechs.
- Iliad Chemicals brings advanced drug candidates in both CNS and cancer and adds chemistry expertise to BNO drug development processes

